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Re: Fields Brook Site, Ashtabula, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

This is to provide written confirmation to the negotiating potentially responsible parties (PRPs) that the deadline for completion of negotiations is being extended. Due to the lack of available funding, the statements of work (SOMs) for the predesign and design of the Sediment Operable Unit, and RI/FS activities have been delayed. When the SOWs are completed, the deadline will be reestablished to give some time for technical negotiations. It is expected that funding will occur almost immediately, that the SOWs will be completed by early March. While we are awaiting completion of the SOWs, a draft Consent Order will be provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by January 30, such that legal discussions can be initiated prior to technical discussions on the SOWs. Once the Consent Order has been provided, a negotiation meeting will be scheduled. This site is still expected to be one of the 175 sites on which remedial actions are occurring by October 17, 1989.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 312/886-7240 or Mr. Peter Page, Assistant Regional Counsel, at 312/886-6623.

Sincerely,

Kerry Street CERCLA Enforcement Section

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